**ताजमहल का संरक्षण**

*37. **श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ भीम अफजल** : क्या **मानव संसाधन विकास** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को हडकी विश्वविद्यालय के तीन विशेषज्ञों वाली समिति द्वारा प्रस्तुत की गई इस रिपोर्ट की जानकारी है कि आगरा का ताजमहल न केवल ध्वंस रहा है वरन् जर्जर भी हो रहा है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार वास्तुशिल्प की इस महान कृति की रक्षा के लिए क्या कार्यवाही कर रही है ?

**मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री (श्री अर्जुन सिंह)** (क) जिस रिपोर्ट का हवाला दिया गया है, उसमें ताजमहल, आगरा के ध्वंसने अथवा जर्जर होने के बारे में कोई उल्लेख नहीं है।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

**Foreign aid for Earthquake Victims in Maharashtra**

*38. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE :
SHRIMTI VEENA VERMA :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the extent of foreign aid received from different foreign countries for relief of the victims of the devastating earth-quake at the Latur-Osmanabad belt of Maharashtra on September 30, 1993 ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR) : The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

**Crops Destroyed by Locust Swarms in Dhar and Jhabua**

*39. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the swarms of locusts crossed over from Gujarat into some parts of Dhar and Jhabua Districts recently ;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to prevent crops being destroyed by the locust swarms ; and

(c) the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred by Government to spray insecticides etc. on the swarms of locusts ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR) : (a) One small swarm entered Dhar and Jhabua districts from Gujarat on 1st October, 1993. It was immediately controlled by undertaking ground operations.

(b) The steps taken are as under :—

(i) Deployment of special locust survey and control teams.

(ii) Mobilisation of pesticides and plant protection equipment for controlling locust.

(iii) Coordination with the State Government in controlling locust.

(c) The expenditure incurred by the Government of India is approximately Rs. 3.51 crores in Dhar, Jhabua and other areas of the country.

**Expenditure on Primary, Secondary and Higher Education**

*40 SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY :
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any proposal under their consideration to introduce loan based higher education that would cover full recurring cost of education and the funds thus saved by the Central and State Governments would be transferred to primary and vocational education which suffer from serious handicaps ;

(b) whether Government are aware that in developing and developed countries the major part of the burden of higher education does not rest on the state :